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I dearly wish that the government would learn from its prior mistakes. When people in Russia have more rights to their own purchased media than we do here in the United States, we should all be ashamed. Now these same ridiculous restrictions will be applied to broadcast content as well? Despite what some at the FCC may believe, money is not freedom. Who makes the largest campaign contributions is not the issue here - basic protection of our God given right of free speech and fair use is. Freedom includes the knowledge that I won't be forced to buy substandard technology because media company money says I must. Freedom is knowing that I won't be jailed for viewing purchased or broadcast content in any way I see fit. Freedom is my first amendment right to innovate without fearing media company dictated jail time.

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